

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus having functions for recording contents recorded on a first recording medium onto a storage unit of said apparatus, said apparatus comprising:

a recording unit configured to record the contents of the first recording medium onto the storage unit;

a history storing unit configured to store recording history information including an indication whether or not each track on the first recording medium has been previously recorded into the storage unit when the contents of the first recording medium are recorded onto the storage unit by said recording unit;

a determining unit configured to determine whether or not a track on the first recording medium has been previously recorded onto the storage unit by said recording unit based on said recording history information stored in said history storing unit;

a display; and

display control unit configured to control display of information on said display regarding any track on the first recording medium that has not been previously recorded onto the storage unit as determined by said determining unit,

wherein said display control unit is configured to initially provide a display indicating any track on the first recording medium that has not been previously recorded onto the storage unit with an associated selection box, said display control unit being further configured to permit inserting a mark into each displayed selection box in order to select the track associated with the selection box containing the inserted mark for recording by said recording unit from the first recording medium onto the storage unit and to permit removing any mark previously inserted into any selection box to deselect the track associated with the

mark so removed so that the recording by said recording unit from the first recording medium onto the storage unit does not occur for any of the associated tracks with marks removed from their associated selection box.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording history information contains audio recording history information which records the number of times that audio recording has been made for each track of the first recording medium, title saving information of the contents, and play list information.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus having functions for recording contents recorded on a first recording medium onto a storage unit of the apparatus, said method comprising:

recording the contents of the first recording medium onto the storage unit;

storing information regarding each track on the first recording medium as recording history information in a history storing unit of the apparatus at the time the contents of the first recording medium are recorded onto the storage unit in said recording step;

determining whether a track on the first recording medium was previously recorded to the storage unit of the apparatus based on said recording history information stored in the history storing unit of apparatus;

controlling display of information on a display of the apparatus so that any track that was not previously recorded onto the apparatus is displayed with an associated selection box;

selecting a particular track that was not previously recorded for recording in said recording step from the first recording medium onto the storage unit by inserting a mark into the associated selection box; and

deselecting any selected particular tracks by manually removing the mark from the selection box so that deselected particular tracks are not recorded in said recording step from the first recording medium onto the storage unit.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A program storing medium storing a computer-readable information processing program for controlling an information processing apparatus having functions for recording contents recorded on a first recording medium onto a storage unit of the apparatus, said program comprising:

code controlling recording of the contents of the first recording medium onto the storage unit;

code controlling storing of information regarding each track on the first recording medium as recording history information in a history storing unit of the apparatus at the time the contents of the first recording medium are recorded onto the storage unit in said recording control step;

code determining whether a track on the first recording medium was previously recorded or not to the storage unit of the apparatus based on said recording history information stored in the a history storing unit of apparatus;

code controlling display of information on a display of the apparatus so that any track that was not previously recorded onto the apparatus is displayed with an associated selection box;

code selecting a particular track that was not previously recorded for recording from the first recording medium onto the storage unit by inserting a mark into the associated selection box; and

code deselecting a selected particular track by removing the mark from the associated selection box so that a deselected particular track is not recorded from the first recording medium onto the storage unit.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a check-in unit configured to render unusable the contents recorded onto a second recording medium from the first recording medium,

wherein said storing unit is further configured to store information regarding the contents as second recording history information at the time of the contents recorded onto the second recording medium being rendered unusable, and

wherein said second recording history information includes a check-out number which is decremented when said recording unit records the contents on the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and is incremented when said check-in unit renders unusable the contents recorded onto the second recording medium from the first recording medium.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said inserting of the mark into the associated selection box and the clearing any mark inserted into any selection box to deselect the track associated with the mark so cleared are responsive to manual selection or deselection operations.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said display control unit displays indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to Claim 3, further comprising rendering unusable the contents recorded onto a second recording medium from the first recording medium,

wherein said storing step further stores information regarding the contents as second recording history information at the time of the contents recorded onto the second recording medium being rendered unusable, and

wherein said second recording history information includes a check-out number which is decremented when said recording step records the contents on the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and is incremented when said rendering unusable step renders unusable the contents recorded onto the second recording medium from the first recording medium.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to Claim 3, wherein said inserting of the mark into the associated selection box and the removing the mark from the associated selection box to deselect the particular track associated with the mark are respectively responsive to manual selection or deselection operations.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to Claim 3, wherein said display control step displays indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The program storing medium storing a computer-readable information processing program according to Claim 4, said program further

comprising code controlling the rendering unusable of the contents recorded onto a second recording medium from the first recording medium,

wherein controlling recording further controls storing of information regarding the contents as second recording history information at the time of the contents recorded onto the second recording medium being rendered unusable said rendering unusable control step, and

wherein said second recording history information includes a check-out number which is decremented when said recording control step records the contents on the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and is incremented when said controlling the rendering unusable step renders unusable the contents recorded onto the second recording medium from the first recording medium.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The program storing medium according to Claim 4, wherein said code for the display control step displays indicia indicating manual selection or deselection of tracks for recording in said recording control step from the first recording medium to the storage unit.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The program storing medium according to Claim 4, wherein said code controlling display controls display of indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus for transferring contents from a first recording medium to a second recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

means for determining whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium;

means for selecting a portion or portions of the contents for recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium, said means for selecting including,

display providing means for providing the portion or portions with an associated selection box and mark on a display of the apparatus,

insertion means for inserting a mark into each displayed selection box in order to select the portion or portions associated with the selection box containing the inserted mark, and

removing means for removing a mark inserted into any selection box to deselect the portion or portions associated with the selection box previously containing a removed mark;

means for recording the selected portion or selected portions of the contents from the first recording medium to the second recording medium;

means for storing recorded history information regarding the selected portion or selected portions of the contents recorded from the first recording medium to the second recording medium; and

means for displaying a list on the display of said apparatus indicating the selected portion or selected portions and a non-selected portion or non-selected portions of the contents,

wherein said recording means records from the first recording medium to the second recording medium the displayed selected portion or selected portions, and

wherein said selecting means initially, automatically selects a portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that do not have recorded history information present in said apparatus for display on said display with the associated selection

boxes, and wherein said selecting means initially does not select portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that have recorded history information present in said apparatus for display on said display with the associated selection boxes.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said insertion means provides for manual selection to insert the mark and said removing means provides for manual deselection to remove the mark.

Claim 16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising means for displaying indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus for transferring contents from a first recording medium to a second recording medium, said method comprising:

determining whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium;

selecting a portion or portions of the contents for recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium, said selecting including,

displaying an indication of the portion or portions with an associated selection box and mark on a display of the apparatus,

inserting a mark into each displayed selection box in order to select the portion or portions associated with the selection box containing the inserted mark, and

removing a mark inserted into any selection box to deselect the portion or portions associated with the selection box previously containing a removed mark;
recording the selected portion or selected portions of the contents from the first recording medium to the second recording medium;

storing recorded history information regarding the selected portion or selected portions of the contents recorded from the first recording medium to the second recording medium; and

displaying a list on the display of the apparatus indicating the selected portion or selected portions and a non-selected portion or non-selected portions of the contents,

wherein said recording step records from the first recording medium to the second recording medium the displayed selected portion or selected portions, and

wherein said selecting step includes initially, automatically selecting portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that do not have recorded history information present in said apparatus for display on said display with the associated selection boxes, and wherein said selecting step initially does not select portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that have recorded history information present in said apparatus for display on said display with the associated selection boxes.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to Claim 18, wherein said inserting includes allowing manual selection to insert the mark and said removing provides for manual deselection to remove the mark.

Claim 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to Claim 18, further comprising displaying indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A program storing medium recording a computer-readable information processing program for controlling an information processing apparatus for transferring contents from a first recording medium to a second recording medium, said program comprising:

- code determining whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium;

- code selecting a portion or portions of the contents for recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium, said code for selecting including,

- code displaying an indication of the portion or portions with an associated selection box and mark on a display of the apparatus,

- code inserting a mark into each displayed selection box in order to select the portion or portions associated with the selection box containing the inserted mark, and

- code removing a mark inserted into any selection box to deselect the portion or portions associated with the selection box previously containing a removed mark;

- code controlling recording of the selected portion or selected portions of the contents from the first recording medium to the second recording medium;

- code controlling storing of recorded history information regarding the selected portion or selected portions of the contents recorded from the first recording medium to the second recording medium; and

code controlling displaying of a list on the display of the apparatus indicating the selected portion or selected portions and a non-selected portion or non-selected portions of the contents,

wherein said code controlling recording is configured to control recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium the displayed selected portion or selected portions, and

wherein said code selecting is configured to initially, automatically select portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that do not have recorded history information present in said apparatus for display on said display with the associated selection boxes, and wherein said code selecting initially does not select portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that have recorded history information present in said apparatus for display on said display with the associated selection boxes.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The program storing medium according to Claim 22, wherein said code inserting provides for manual selection to insert the mark and said code for removing provides for manual deselection to remove the mark.

Claim 24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Currently amended): The program storing medium storing a computer-readable information processing program according to Claim 22, said program further comprising code controlling displaying of indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

judging unit for judging whether a predetermined recording medium is mounted to the apparatus based on a media specific identification information,

wherein said storing unit stores the recording history information associating with media specific identification information of the first recording medium, and

wherein said determining unit determines when the first recording medium is mounted.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to Claim 3, further comprising:

a judging step for judging whether a predetermined recording medium is mounted to the apparatus based on a media specific identification information,

wherein said storing step stores the recording history information associating with media specific identification information of the first recording medium, and

wherein said determining step determines when the first recording medium is mounted.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The program storing medium storing a computer-readable information processing program according to Claim 4, said program further comprising:

code judging whether a predetermined recording medium is mounted to the apparatus based on a media specific identification information,

wherein said storing control step stores the recording history information associating with media specific identification information of the first recording medium, and

wherein said determining step determines when the first recording medium is mounted.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus for recording contents stored on a recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

a storage unit configured to store recording history information;

a determining unit configured to determine whether or not one or more tracks on the recording medium were previously recorded onto said storage unit based on said recording history information;

a display configured to display one or more selected tracks for recording from the recording medium onto said storage unit;

a display control unit configured to control a display of information on said display to initially indicate as selected tracks the one or more tracks on the recording medium that were determined as not being previously recorded onto said storage unit along with an associated selection box, said display control unit being further configured to permit inserting a mark into each displayed selection box in order to select the one or more tracks associated with each selection box containing the inserted mark for recording by said recording unit from the first recording medium onto the storage unit and to permit removing any mark inserted into any selection box to deselect the one or more tracks associated with each mark so removed so that the recording by said recording unit from the first recording medium onto the storage unit does not occur for any of the associated tracks with marks removed from their associated selection box; and

a recording unit configured to record said one or more selected tracks from the first recording medium onto said storage unit.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein said inserting of the mark into the associated selection box and the removing of any mark inserted into any selection box to deselect the track associated with the mark so removed are responsive to manual selection or deselection operations.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus for recording contents stored on a recording medium, said method comprising:

determining whether or not one or more tracks on the recording medium were previously recorded onto a storage unit of the apparatus based on recording history information stored in the storage unit;

controlling a display of information on a display of the apparatus to initially indicate that the one or more tracks on the recording medium that were determined as not being previously recorded onto the storage unit are one or more selected tracks for recording from the recording medium onto the storage unit by displaying an indication of the one or more tracks with a corresponding selection box;

selecting the one or more tracks on the recording medium that were determined as not being previously recorded onto the storage unit track for recording from the recording medium onto the storage unit by inserting a mark into the associated selection box;

deselecting any selected one or more of the tracks on the recording medium by removing the mark from the selection box so that deselected particular tracks are not recorded from the first recording medium onto the storage unit; and

recording the one or more selected tracks from the first recording medium onto the storage unit.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to Claim 31, wherein said inserting the mark into the associated selection box and said removing the mark from the associated selection box are manually initiated.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): A program storing medium recording a computer-readable information processing program for controlling an information processing apparatus for recording contents stored on a first recording medium, said program comprising:

code determining whether or not one or more tracks on the recording medium were previously recorded onto a storage unit of the apparatus based on recording history information stored in the storage unit;

code controlling a display of information on a display of the apparatus to initially indicate that the one or more tracks on the recording medium that were determined as not being previously recorded onto the storage unit are one or more selected tracks for recording from the recording medium onto the storage unit by displaying an indication of the one or more tracks with a corresponding selection box;

code selecting the one or more tracks on the recording medium that were determined as not being previously recorded onto the storage unit track for recording from the recording medium onto the storage unit by inserting a mark into the associated selection box;

code deselecting any selected one or more of the tracks on the recording medium by removing the mark from the selection box so that deselected particular tracks are not recorded from the first recording medium onto the storage unit; and

code recording the one or more selected tracks from the first recording medium onto the storage unit.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): The program storing medium according to Claim 33, wherein said code for inserting the mark into the associated selection box and said removing the mark from the associated selection box are manually initiated.